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To Consultees

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A call for evidence – Invest to Save

The Finance Committee is calling for information to help inform our inquiry into the **Welsh Government’s Invest to Save Fund**. **The Fund is available to Welsh Government** funded public service organisations to support their strategic improvement projects which lead to significant cash-releasing efficiency savings, while ensuring effective citizen-centred services.

The inquiry’s Terms of Reference

The purpose of this inquiry is to consider how effective the Invest to Save Fund has been to date. We are particularly interested to learn whether the fund is working, and if so, are projects being copied across the relevant sector?

The Committee would welcome your views on any or all of the following points:

- **What impact is Invest to Save having, is it meeting it’s intended purpose – “supporting organisations involved in public service delivery make the transition to more efficient, more effective and more sustainable forms of service delivery”?**
- How widely has it been taken up?
- What are the lessons learned and could examples of good practice be shared and extended more widely across the public sector?
- What savings have been achieved as a result of awards from the fund?
- Are there any barriers to entry i.e. are there any elements of the Invest to Save fund process that make it difficult to participate in the scheme?

Providing information to the Committee

Interested parties are invited to submit written evidence to the Clerk of the Finance Committee at the above address, to arrive by Tuesday 6 November 2012. If you **wish to contribute but are concerned that you won't be able to meet this deadline**, please speak with the Clerk of the Committee on 029 2089 8409.

If possible, please supply an electronic version in MS Word or Rich Text format, by e mail to FinanceCommittee@wales.gov.uk by Tuesday 6 November 2012.

Disclosure of Information

Witnesses should be aware that once written evidence has been submitted to the Committee it is treated as the property of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies.

It is the Committee's intention to place written evidence on its website, and it may subsequently be printed with the report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data with the exception of personal opinion and personal data relating to your identity as author of the evidence and the capacity, if any, in which you provide the evidence (for example, a job title).

However, in the event of a request for information (which includes personal data) being submitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it may be necessary to disclose, in whole or in part, personal data that you provide. This may include personal data which has previously been removed by the National Assembly for publication purposes (as described in the paragraph above).

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Further information about the Finance Committee and its call for information can be found at: www.assemblywales.org

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Finance Committee

Annex 1

Local Authorities & LEAs.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Bridgend County Borough Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cardiff County Council
Carmarthenshire County Council
Ceredigion County Council
City and County of Swansea
Conwy County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Flintshire County Council
Gwynedd Council
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Monmouthshire County Council
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Newport City Council
Pembrokeshire County Council
Powys County Council
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
WLGA

Local Health Boards

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Cwm Taf Local Health Board
Hywel Dda Local Health Board
Powys Teaching Health Board
All Wales Ambulance NHS Trust
The Welsh NHS Confederation

General

Forestry Commission Wales
Countryside Council for Wales
Environment Agency for Wales
Care Council for Wales
Children's Commissioner for Wales
Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Welsh Language Board
Welsh Local Government Association
Wales Council Voluntary Action

National Botanic Garden of Wales
Carbon Trust and Energy Saving Trust
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Universities

Aberystwyth University
Swansea University
University of Glamorgan
Bangor University
Cardiff University
Newport University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Swansea Metropolitan University
UW Trinity St David
Glyndwr University
Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama

Further Education Colleges

South East Wales
Barry College
Bridgend College
Coleg Morgannwg
Coleg Gwent
Merthyr Tydfil College
Ystrad Mynach College
South and West Wales
Coleg Sir Gâr
Neath Port Talbot College
Pembrokeshire College
Swansea College
Mid Wales
Coleg Ceredigion
Coleg Powys
North Wales
Coleg Harlech
Coleg Llandrillo Cymru
Coleg Menai
Deeside College
Yale College Wrexham